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SUBJ : MAJOR PROJECT: NEW VIEWS ON STANDARD GUAGE RAILROAD  
CONSTRUCTION?

REF : A) STATE 90660 B) LAGOS 4523

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL A, EMBASSY ARRANGED APPT. FOR GLYNN OF TAMS, WITH P.N. OBI, DEPUTY SECRETARY (LAND) MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AT 2 PM MAY 2. OBI SAID IF HE UNABLE TO GIVE SATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO GLYNN THEN OBI WILL ARRANGE MEETING WITH PERM SEC.
2. TAMS VISIT IN ORDER NOW BECAUSE, ACCORDING OBI, MINISTRY LIKELY REVISE APPROACH TO MODERNIZATION PROJECT, STRETCH IT OUT OR REDUCE ITS

SIZE AND IS CLOSE TO AWARDDING PLANNING/DESIGN CONTRACT TO TRANSMARK OR SOFERAIL. MINISTRY RETHINKING ITALCONSULT/NZEGWU APPROACH OF AWARDDING EIGHT DESIGN/CONSTRUCT CONTRACTS FIRST AND COORDINATION CONTRACT LATER. IT NOW LEANS TOWARD MAPPING/PLANNING/DESIGN CONTRACT FOLLOWED BY STANDARD-GUAGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR SECTIONS 5 AND 8 TO BUILD LINE TO HIGH-PRIORITY AJAOKUTA STEEL MILL. OBI DENIED OMOTOSO STATEMENT QUOTED PARA 3 REFTEL B THAT 5 AND 8 CONTRACTS  
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ALREADY AWARDED. CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL SECTIONS AND SWITCHING/ SIGNALLING MIGHT FOLLOW AFTER FURTHER STUDY. OBI'S POINO ARE REPETITION OF THOSE MRY FORMER DEP SEC (LAND) JAKPA, TO SORENSON OF TAMS DURING THEIR LAST MEETING. JAKPA CURRENTLY HEAD OF NRC (REFTEL B). WITH NZEGWU OUT AND JAKPA IN AT NRC, MINISTRY'S INCLINATION TOWARD LESS AMBITIOUS PROJECT MAY PREVAIL.

3. EMBOFF ARGUED FOR TAMS/SOFERAIL COMBINATION. IN VIEW CURRENT BUDGET PINCH, MINISTRY MAY BE INTERESTED IN ANY FIANCING IDEAS TAMS HAS.

4. PLS PROVIDE ABOVE AND REFTTEL B TO TAMS AND ADVISE THAT CLEWS HAVE ROOM FOR GLYNN.  
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